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Department of Human Services/ Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Division Department/Division/Agency

Pursuant to § 103F-101(a)(4), HRS, and Chapter 3-141, HAR, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:

Title and description of health and human service(s):

State Grants for Technology-Related assistance to provide information on assistive technology devices and services to individuals with disabilities of all ages and their family members, guardians, advocates and authorized representatives, and service providers in public and private entities that have contact with individuals with disabilities. Increase consumer and service provider skills, involvement and empowerment related to access to provision of, and funding for assistive technology devices and services, with emphasis on underrepresented and rural populations.

Provider Name: Assistive Technology Resource	Total Contract Funds: \$377,478	Term of Contract:	
Centers of Hawaii (ATRC)		From:	To:
Provider Address:	Contract Funds per Year (as applicable).	10/1/05	9/30/06
414 Kuwili Street, Suite 104 Honolulu, HI 96817	\$377,478		
	reversions		

Explanation describing how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:

The Technology-Related Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities Act (P.L. 100-407) stipulates the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in substantive roles in the development and implementation of the statewide service delivery system. ATRC is a non-profit, tax-exempt (501c3) organization with statewide access. Their board is comprised of a majority of individuals with disabilities including its Executive Director, Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong, who is named as the Project Director on the most recent Grant Award Notification (see attached). ATRC is also named in the Project Title. The anticipated authorized grant funding for the contract term is \$377,478. The grant award notification is expected to be received by September 30, 2005.

Details of the process or procedure to be followed in selecting the service provider to ensure maximum fair and open competition as practicable:

ATRC is presently identified as one of the 58 state and territorial assistive technology programs as authorized under the Act. Continuation of ATRC as the service provider will produce timely and effective project results.

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A description of the state agency's internal of The Vocational Rehabilitation Assistant A federal grant have been met.		
A list of state agency personnel, by position to of the contract: John L. Noland, VR Assistant Admini Guy Tagomori, Staff Specialist		ed in the approval process and administration
Direct questions to (name & position): Guy Tagomori	Phone number: (808) 692-7729	e-mail address: gtagomori@dhs.hawaii.gov
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Lillian B. Koller, Esq. Typed Name	Director Position Title	
Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:		
Please ensure adherence to applicable administrator State Procurement Office	trative requirements.	Pale Date



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State Assistive Technology Projects Resource Center

These projects support consumer-driven, statewide. technology-related assistance for individuals of all ages with disabilities. There are 56 projects (one in each State and in DC and the U.S. territories), and they are funded under the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988, as amended.

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State Organizations

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Alabama

 Alabama Statewide Technology Access And Response System

The mission of the STAR program is to enhance independence, productivity and quality of life for all Alabamians with disabilities through access to assistive technology devices and services. STAR's services include Ability loans; assistive technology devices and services; equipment loan program; an information and referral service; and specialized training programs.

Alaska

1. Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - AT Program

The Assistive Technology (AT)program was created in 1990 through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. The purpose of the AT Project is to ensure all Alaskans have the assistive technology and related services needed to live, work and participate in their community.

American Samoa

1. American Samoa Assistive Technology Services Project

Arizona

1. Arizona Technology Access Program
The mission of the AzTAP is to (a) increase access to assistive technology (AT) devices and services for individuals with disabilities and their families, and (b) facilitate the development of a consumer-responsive AT service delivery system. Program staff work with consumers, service providers, state agencies, private industry, legislators, and other interested individuals to facilitate the development of a statewide system to provide AT services.

Arkansas

1. Arkansas Increasing Capabilities Access Network ICAN is a program of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services. ICAN was set up to help build a bridge between people with disabilities who need technology information and those who provide it. While ICAN does not directly offer assistive technology, or tools for living, learning and working, it has built a statewide network of resources related to assistive devices.

California

California Assistive Technology System
 CATS is a statewide project which promotes access to
 assistive technologies, related services, and
 information to enable people with disabilities to be
 successful, independent and productive.

Colorado

1. Colorado Assistive Technology Partners
ATP is a compilation of services, projects, activities,
and research dedicated to enhancing access to
assistive technology at home, school, work and play
for individuals with disabilities, their families,
employers, and professionals providing services.

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

1. CNMI System of Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities

The mission of the STRAID project is to enhance the quality of life and opportunities for individuals with disabilities in the Commonwealth, enabling them to become independent, productive, integrated, and fully included in the community through systems change activities which increase access and utilization of assistive technology devices and services.

Connecticut

1. Connecticut Tech Act Project
The Connecticut Tech Act Project provides information and advocacy services regarding assistive technology issues. The project's goal is to make sure that Connecticut's residents of all ages with disabilities get access to assistive technology. The project is funded by a grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR).

D.C.

1. University Legal Services Assistive Technology
Program for the District of Columbia
The Assistive Technology Program is one of several
programs managed by University Legal Services
(ULS). ULS is a private, non-profit organization which
serves as the District of Columbia's federally
mandated protection and advocacy system for human,
legal and service rights of people with disabilities. All
services are free of charge to eligible individuals.

Delaware

1. Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative
DATI focuses on improving public awareness, public
access to information, funding for assistive technology
devices and services, training and technical
assistance, and coordination of statewide activities.
The project has established Assistive Technology

counties. These centers are barrier-free and open to the public. Assistive technology devices and materials are available to try out! Some devices are available for short-term loan.

Florida

1. Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology FAAST envisions a seamless supportive partnership between Florida business and government to provide assistive technology products and services which will enable persons with disabilities to participate in independent living, education, work and recreation from birth to death

Georgia

1. Georgia Tools for Life
Tools for Life increases access to appropriate assistive technology devices and assistive technology services for all Georgians with disabilities so they can live, learn, work, and play independently in communities of their choice. Tools for Life operates five Assistive Technology Resource Centers throughout the State to provide Georgians with disabilities with access to appropriate A.T. Tools for Life is funded by NIDRR.

Guam

 Guarn System for Assistive Technology GSAT enhances the independence, productivity, and quality of life for all Guarnians with disabilities through systems change and advocacy activities which increase access and utilization of assistive technology devices and services.

Hawaii

1. Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii ATRC is a statewide, non-profit organizations that is Hawaii state assistive technology project. ATRC also offers an equipment loan program, a computer training lab (on-site and mobile), a state-sponsored low-interest loan program for A.T.. and a variety of

other services.

Idaho

1. Idaho Assistive Technology Project
IATP is the state assistive technology project in Idaho.
It provides a variety of A.T. services for Idahoans.

Illinois

1. Illinois Assistive Technology Project
The Illinois Assistive Technology Project offers
assistance in finding appropriate assistive products;
operates a demonstration center and an equipment
loan program. It also offers a low-interest cash loan
program for purchasing A.T.

Indiana

1. Assistive Technology Through Action in Indiana ATTAIN, Inc. provides direct service programs and creates structural change in the public and private sectors to promote the availability and use of assistive technology. This is achieved through consumer driven programs that promote community-based services. ATTAIN, Inc. is the only statewide technology program in Indiana that serves people of all ages and all disabilities.

Iowa

1. Iowa Program for Assistive Technology
The Iowa Program for Assistive Technology (IPAT) is
Iowa's grant project under the Assistive Technology
Act (ATA) of 1998. IPAT's goals are to promote and
create systems change in the state with regards to
assistive technology (AT) and it's use. IPAT works with
consumers and family members, service providers,
and state and local agencies/organizations to promote
assistive technology through awareness, training, and
policy work. IPAT accomplishes this through five
specific goal areas: Education, Employment, Health,
Community Living and Recreation, Telecommunication
and Information Technology IPAT operates an